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## Kahnawake needs dollars for development

### What to do when the smokes run out

BY KRISTIN ANDREWS

They've taken down the orange plastic letters from a dozen signboards that used to lure Montréalers into Mohawk Territory for cheap cigarettes. Most of the cigarette shacks in the south-shore community of Kahnawake had locked their doors within a week of the federal and provincial governments' decision to slash cigarette taxes over a month ago.

While Ontario and Québec nicotine fiends have rejoiced over the changes, the cuts have meant a loss of over 300 jobs in Kahnawake. The community has to find a way to replace cigarette revenue.

"It's easy to tell the difference since the cigarette trade is gone," said Davis Rice, a Kahnawake Band councillor. "Drive around and you see people just idly standing by."

Rice sets stake in a new plan for recovery which involves a Round Table discussion set for this spring between the Band Councils of Kahnawake, Akwesasne, and Kanehsatake.

Akwesasne is the Mohawk Territory on the U.S. border where most of the cigarettes were smuggled into the country. Kanehsatake was involved in the cigarette trade only marginally.

But the Round Table discussion can't just look to solve the problem of unemployment in the wake of the cigarette trade, Rice said. "We don't want handouts," he said.

About half of the residents of Kahnawake are already on some kind of government assistance, mostly because there has been no money available for strengthening the economic base of the community, Rice said.

The Bands have invited Federal Minister of Indian Affairs Ron Irwin and Solicitor General Herb Grey to participate in the talks.

"We want to talk about long term economic development," he said. "We want to talk about taxation, customs and excise taxes, and about the jurisdiction of land."

A representative from Indian Affairs said Irwin would be willing to participate in the Round Table, but he can't commit until he sees a detailed plan.

One of the alternative economic initiatives Rice suggested was the Band Council's plan to open a casino

in Kahnawake. The casino has been controversial both inside and outside of the Mohawk community.

"There's no question that many people are taking another look at the casino option," said Kenneth Deer, editor of Kahnawake's newspaper *The Eastern Door*.

But Deer said a casino can't be the only answer. "We have to start looking into light industry, into making products," he said. Over 90 per cent of the people employed in Kahnawake work in service industries, he said.

But with the loss of money from cigarettes, "Nobody's spending." It's very difficult to start new business with no capital, he said.

Deer isn't so sure that the decline of the cigarette trade is a bad thing, however. A lot of people were employed selling smokes, and the people who made money on the trade were very generous to the community, he admits. (Cigarette money went to fund schools, sports teams and a bookstore, among other things.)

But the presence of illegal cigarettes on the reserve attracted police attention. "There were always a lot of RCMP in the area, and that was a bad situation," he said. "There are people who are not sorry to see it end."



Community economic development can't be built on cigarette sales anymore.

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## Remarks from the mainstream media

### Students disappointed with panel on minorities in media

BY ALEX MATHIAS

At Monday's discussion on "Minorities in the Media," nobody seemed to have answers to the problem of under-representation and misrepresentation of minority issues in the media. The five panelists had interesting anecdotes but at question time their consensus simply seemed to be "these things take time."

"I would have liked to see a point of view from alternative media, and from community activists. How do they [so-called "visible minorities"] feel they're being portrayed?" said McGill student Rima Banerji after the discussion.

The event consisted of a drawn-out discussion and a quick question period. Afterwards, panel modera-

tor Barry Lezar said, "We are pleased university students have such an interest" — a comment some people found a patronizing attempt to soothe ruffled feathers of students who wanted more discussion.

"Basically they were trying to placate us," said Banerji.

One student asked, "Why do certain issues dominate international coverage when others are filtered out?" Lezar, who co-authored the *Guide to Ethnic Montréal*, answered simply that the media usually chooses "the easy story to cover... where they can get cameras in and out."

Ashok Chandwani, a journalist and writer for 25 years, seemed more interested in defending his employer, the *Montréal Gazette*, than in providing real answers. He said coverage of minority issues has in-

creased, since the number of visible minorities (a term which Banerji found problematic in itself) is also greatly increasing in our society.

"Minority issues are good business. They have buying power and clout," he said.

When asked by students about specific anti-domination mandates, and ways in which white journalists were educated on minority issues, Chandwani dodged the question.

Garry Beitel, an award-winning documentary filmmaker and lecturer at McGill, focused on media images of Africa in his talk. He highlighted the two dominant images of Black people in the media, which he called "the starving child" and the image of Bill Cosby, "who was incredibly successful at making everyone feel that racism had gone

away." Beitel says he is careful to move away from these stereotypical images in his documentaries.

Ross Perigoe, an assistant professor at Concordia and former CBC producer and program manager, addressed the lack of visible minorities in the media. According to him, minorities are accurately represented in "bang-bang" news stories, but in general interest stories there is almost no minority profile.

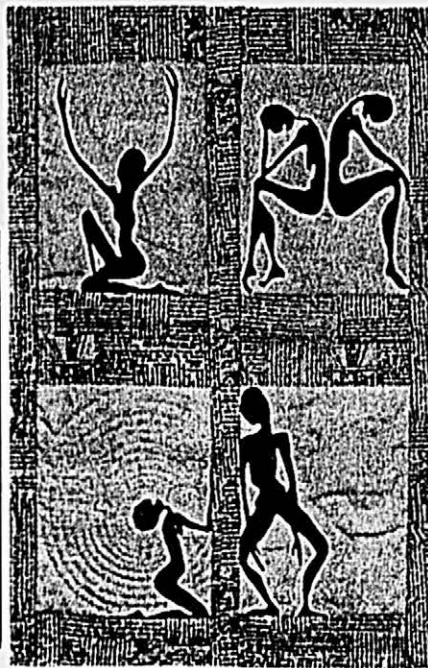
The panel discussion was hosted by the Canadian Ethnic Studies Programme of McGill in conjunction with The International Day Against Racism. Danny Laferrière, journalist for Quebec's French language radio and television and Claire Kiley, journalist with Radio Canada International also spoke.



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• **Haitian Popular Art**, a slide presentation on Haitian art and culture by Viviane Nicolas. Today, Shatner B-09, 17h.

• **International Day of Action for the Innu and the Earth**, Sat. March 26, 10h walk, meet at 640 St. Paul W, 9h30. Thursday March 24 conference at the Unitarian church, 3415 Simpson. Call 844-0484.

• **Pakistan's Student's Association** is holding a party! Sat. March 26, Shatner 425, 19h-2h, \$6 (early), \$8 (door). Call 848-9576 or 392-0567.

• **McGill Muslim Women's Caucus** and Islamic Cultural Network

of McGill present the film "Women in Islam" on Thursday, Leacock 232, 18h30-20h30. \$1 (students), \$2 (general).

• **McGill Figure Skating Club** presents its 15th Annual Ice Show! Today at the McConnell Winter Stadium, 17h15.

• **Women's Union** - important meeting! Elections and ideas for next year, tea and cookies, all women welcome! Mon. March 28, 17h30, Union 423.

• **Amnesty International McGill** will be holding a letter-writing campaign on "Disappearances" and political killings, all day in the Leacock lobby. Don't take human rights for granted...get involved.

• **The McGill Student Film and Video Festival**, presented by the English Dept and DESA, is accepting any and all VHS and film format submissions. Held on April 7/8. Submissions accepted in English Dept. office until march

31. Call Allison (284-3630) or Malve (284-1996) for more info.

• **Shakti Women of Colour Collective**, general meeting on Friday, March 25. All members must attend! Discussion: responsibilities, vision, community outreach, resource centre. Shatner 423, 16h30.

• **Critical mass bicycle ride**. Come ride with us this Friday and every last Friday of the month. We meet at 17h at Atwater metro, and ride down Ste. Catherine to Berri metro. Join in solidarity with other peddlers as we show our presence on the street.

• **Manufacturing Consent**, video presentation by the Student Christian Movement, Thursday, March 24 at 18h30, 3407 Ave du Musée.

• **Racism and the Holocaust; An African American Perspective**, by Dr. Leon Bass. Today 12h30, Moot Court Room, Law Faculty. Call 845-9171

## McGill Daily Editorial Elections

Elections for the following positions will be held this Thursday at 17h30:

- Photo editor (1 position)
- Features co-ordinator (1 position)
- National Affairs/Liaison editor (replacing Liaison editor, 1 position)

All interested in running should be nominated by two Daily staff members and should themselves be staff members (with experience in production as well as in copy).

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## science & technology

The final issue of the Daily for the year will be having a special focus on science and technology. Anyone interested in writing, drawing or just helping out, drop by the Daily office in Shatner B-03 and talk to one of the editors.



## UNIVERSITY BRIEFS

## Students mobilize over threats

Students at UBC continue to show their support for female counselling psychology students who were the subject of hate letters last year. Purple ribbons have been strewn on and around the psychology building in show of solidarity with the women, who received written threats of rape and mutilation. The ineffectiveness of investigations by both the university and the RCMP are the main reason for the campaign.

UBC vice-president Daniel Birch recently released a lengthy report stemming from the investigation. In it, the university admits its inability to discover the source or sources of the letters.

"While the report summary recognized a problem in the department, it seems very little has been done to address these problems," said counselling psychology student Robin Cox.

One counselling psychology student described an incident that occurred recently in one classroom. "I heard one student say to her professor, a therapist speaking to a group of training therapists, 'we all know that women are more neurotic than men anyway' and then laughed — that's sort of an indication of the level of awareness," she said.

"Far too often it is left up to the women in classes to defend feminist scholarship," the student added.

Monika Stein, president of the counselling psychology graduate students, organized a discussion with Sun columnist Steven Hume called "The F-word: one mans perspective on feminism" on 16 March.

"The women are trying to facilitate discussion within the department," Stein said.

## First female engineering dean makes history

The University of Windsor has announced the appointment of Canada's first female dean of engineering. Dean-elect ElMaraghy will begin her appointment in July. With experience in flexible manufacturing, automation, robotics, and extensive research, ElMaraghy's name carries clout in the field.

One of her first missions is to expand the co-op program at Windsor.

"I want industry to support us, to tell us what areas of focus they need," said ElMaraghy. "It is a two-way street where we can both benefit."

A powerful woman in engineering may "bring greater respect for females — it won't be so foreign for women to be there," said year one engineering student Esperansa Macchiavello.

ElMaraghy's appointment was announced in March, when most students were on spring break. This angered some students, including Llana James, womyn's issues coordinator at U of W, who was "disappointed at how the university handled such a momentous occasion, and allowed it to slip into history without letting students celebrate with the university."

Sociology professor Janice Drakich, said the hiring shows that employment equity policies are integral in "develop(ing) and sustain(ing) a climate of equity on campus which allows women to have fair consideration in the hiring process. [This] helps to eliminate discrimination and bias towards women."



University of Manitoba considers using the controversial Q pepper spray. Atchool

## Campus cops consider deadly spray

The campus police at the University of Manitoba may join several other law enforcement agencies currently using the controversial Q pepper spray. Pepper spray causes a burning sensation in eyes and skin, provokes nausea and may cause death. Over fifteen people have reportedly died after being shot with the spray in the United States.

When asked about the deaths, Eric Turner, City of Winnipeg spokesperson, cited a report from the Association of Police Chiefs who hired an independent coroner in Dallas to investigate the deaths. The report found the deaths were not a result of the pepper spray, but other, pre-existing conditions. In

most of the cases the suspects were on drugs or alcohol and in poor health.

Despite the risks, Campus Police Chief Don Peters feels issuing canisters of pepper spray to officers will help his department serve the university community with more confidence. In the past, officers had no alternative but to use physical force.

Arming the Campus Police force with pepper spray will cost the department \$880 plus tax for one regular can of pepper spray, a training can and a holster for each officer. Training costs for the force will be extra and Peters feels the department will likely adopt the city's training program.

Peters says any decision to use pepper spray will be made later this year, after the Winnipeg Police Department releases their final report on the effectiveness of the product.

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## McGill wins debating championship

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN

McGill came out on top for the second year in a row this past weekend at the National Debating Championships held at York University in Toronto.

The team of Gerry Butts and Peter Balasubramanian beat out sixty-two university teams, from across Canada, to finish first place in the debating category.

In the final round, Balasubramanian and Butts had their work cut out for them as they faced the only undefeated team at the tournament from the University of Western Ontario (UWO). The same team had handed Butts and Balasubramanian their only loss in the tournament play leading up to the final two rounds.

Arguing in favour of recognition for reli-

gions which practice post-mortem cannibalism, Butts and Balasubramanian won the house vote, which consisted of 120 students from various universities. The house voted 67-38 in favour of the McGill team with the rest abstaining. The panel of seven judges favoured the UWO team 4-3 but needed a unanimous decision to overturn the house vote.

Other notable achievements included a fourth place finish by Balasubramanian in the individual debating category while sixth and eighth place finishes were recorded by McGill debater David Price and Butts respectively.

In the separate category of public speaking, first year McGill student Kiron Lang placed seventh, missing the final round by one position.

## Reform party fever hits Japan

As a result of increased pressure from right-wing elements in Japan, Tokyo police have stepped up attempts to deport Iranian refugees working illegally in the city.

Yoyogi Park, nicknamed "Little Tehran", is home to hundreds of Iranian immigrants in Tokyo.



In February of 1993, a right-wing fringe group known as 'The League of State Socialists' posted signs around the park saying "Recover Yoyogi Park for the Japanese People." The signs were emblazoned with black swastikas.

Since that time, the police have harassed and arrested hundreds of Iranian immigrants, some of whom are working illegally. Under the pretense of "damaging azalea bushes", Iranians are rounded up and often charged with drug dealing and illegal immigration.

Many Japanese are blaming immigrants for some of the problems associated with that country's worst recession since World War II.

— Mark Cote, *This Magazine*, March 1994

## Zapatistas not alone in defiance

The peasant uprising in Chiapas, Mexico, has sparked fears across Latin America of similar social unrest. Peasant riots occurred in the Argentine provinces of La Rioja and Santiago del Estero in December.

Similar unrest has surfaced in Paraguay. In mid-January, the peasant community of Tavai Borda II was reported to have armed itself in protest against unfair land distribution. In this region, a reported 200,000 peasants are landless, while 351 large landowners (latifundistas) own 9.7 million hectares of land.

February saw numerous confrontations between peasant groups and the police in Paraguay including the arrest of 50 squatters, a march in Asuncion in support of the Mexican uprising and the violent suppression of several highway blockades.

— *Latin American Regional Reports*, Southern Cone, March 17, 1994.

## The freedom to dump

The new hot spot for dumping European and American toxic waste is Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Germany recently sent 200 tons of acidic waste to Hungary, and 500 tons of pesticide to Albania.

Environmental groups have documented at least 34 million tons arriving in Russia in the last five years. Germany is the main culprit, but other garbage exporters include the United States, Belgium, Spain, and Switzerland.

— *World Press Review*, March 1994

## Women on the front lines

Just as women participated in guerilla struggles in Nicaragua, women are also fighting in the front lines of civil war in the former Yugoslavia. Five per cent of all Croatia soldiers are female, and Bosnia Muslim forces also include women who fight in separate units.

Thirty-eight year old Neva Tolle, joined because she was tired of the helplessness of waiting for a bomb to fall, and being unable to protect her son. Although she is only 5'3", she says she is "strong enough to open the breech of a rifle." Tolle also adds, "...am I supposed to simply sit here in fear and await death?"

Dealing with the brutality of war does not hinder their abilities as soldiers. Military psychologist Gabriela Ivkovic says, "Women are simply better at it." Women often share their fears with each others and serve as therapists for the men they fight beside.

— *World Press Review*, March 1994.



## EDITORIAL

## Addressing the tossed salad

Too many immigrants spoil the *Canadian* broth — at least that's how some Canadians responded in a recent poll prepared by the federal government. An overwhelming 40 per cent believed that there are "too many immigrants", singling out Arabs, Blacks and Asians. In Toronto, where immigrants make up 38 per cent of the population, 67 per cent of the respondents said the same thing.

Apparently, the general feeling among *these Canadians* is that immigrants tend to hold on to their own cultural values/ identities instead of assuming Canadian ones (whatever those may be). In fact, 6 out of every 10 respondents actually agreed with the statement that "too many immigrants feel no obligation to adapt to Canadian values."

While the accuracy of the survey is questionable, it would be foolish to take these findings lightly especially given the broader political climate in Canada today.

The Reform party has managed to garner significant anti-immigrant support in Canada, even though it has attempted to couch its racist policies in ambiguous rhetoric. Take for example the following excerpt from one of Preston Manning's speeches:

"The transition from the old Canada to the new Canada will, I believe, require the federal government to say something different to new Canadians, whom we need and whom we welcome. And that is to say, frankly, 'look we made a mistake in the past when our politicians and our bureaucrats met you at the plane or met you at the boat and offered you a grant to preserve the culture you were trying to get away from.'"

True, we are in a global recession period in which xenophobic views are usually more visible. But the federal government (which commissioned the recent poll in the first place) is interested in knowing just how these Canadians feel. So, although Canada is regarded worldwide as a haven for immigrants, there is little doubt that the government will take intolerant attitudes into account as it re-engineers its immigration policy for the next decade. After all, in order to subvert popular support for one of its biggest competitors, the Liberal Party must begin to incorporate the same anti-immigrant sentiment into its own policies — in other words, politics over people.

The federal government's Immigration Refugee Board and the Immigration Appeal Board have come under increasing scrutiny for their failure to recognize persons escaping various threatening political and economic situations (in other words, refugees) as "genuine". The immigration board admits it is looking for economically independent, "unattached" individuals with a post-secondary education.

Despite this, discrepancies continue to exist. A new immigration law passed in July 1993 allowed 26,000 victims of the brutal war in Bosnia-Herzegovina to join their family members in Canada. But when the Somali community asked for similar treatment, their request was refused.

What Canadians (Preston Manning and the government included) seem to forget is that creating this false dichotomy — immigrant vs. Canadian, new Canadian vs. old — negates the fact that, apart from First Nations people, we are all immigrants.

Racializing immigration falsely implies that nations cannot be a product of a mixture of people of different religions, colours and cultures. So-called Canadians would do well to reflect on this instead of getting caught up in misguided nationalistic fervor.

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## HYDE PARK

## And no one was left to speak up

An opinion by Lorne Herlin

It is getting harder to ignore it. You see images of it on the news and examples of it on the streets of Montréal. The phenomenon in question is the re-emergence of mass anti-Semitism.

Despite our great progress in such areas as science and technology, mass hatred toward Jews prevails. Based on recent events it is fair to say that the Jewish people still remain, as the late United States Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter once wrote the most "vilified and persecuted minority in history".

The neo-Nazi movement in Germany continues to grow. Recent elections in France and Russia saw increased electoral support for anti-Semitic political parties and books on the "Jewish control" of the world banking system consistently occupy the upper echelons of the Japanese best seller list.

Even those of us here in the true north strong and free have not been immune to this rather unsettling

series of events. According to the anti-defamation league of B'nai Brith, reported acts of anti-Semitism in the Montréal area alone, last year increased by approximately 50 per cent. Astonishingly, there was roughly a 105 per cent increase in Ontario, during the same period.

It is difficult to fathom the ephemeral nature of the world's conscience. It has not even been 50 years since the end of the Second World War and the revelation of the mass atrocity that has simply come to be known as the Holocaust. Six million individuals were murdered. Their only "crime" was that they happened to be Jews.

The question arises why there has been such an upswing in activities aimed against Jews. One popular theory is that anti-Semitism tends to rear its ugly head during times of economic and political upheaval, such as the current situation.

While the explanation of in-

creased anti-Semitism may be subject to debate, the response is not. As Elie Wiesel — Holocaust survivor, writer and Nobel prize recipient — has continually preached, the opposite of good is not evil, but rather indifference. Unfortunately, even today, many non-Jews do not feel that it is important for them to speak out on the issue since they believe it does not directly concern them. Nothing could be further from the truth.

To invoke an adage from Martin Niemöller, a German Protestant priest: "In Germany they first came for the Communists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was Protestant. Then they came for me and by that time no one was left to speak up."

## LETTERS

## Magic thighs

To the Daily:

In your editorial about the Christian Dior ads, you say that the ad is for a perfume. The product is, in fact, a cream intended to reduce fat on the thighs. You may remember that several months ago, the mainstream media reported on the discovery of some kind of "magic thigh creams" which researchers claimed slightly reduced fat on obese thighs. The Dior ad says nothing about scent, but rather expounds on texture and absorption, and the TV ad shows a woman rubbing the cream — called Dior Svelte — into her thighs. So although they don't come out and say it (likely because the Dior people know it doesn't work) it seems you're meant to infer that this cream will melt off those

pounds so that you can look like a malnourished waif. The fact that the product is a magic thigh cream and not just a perfume, makes the ad all the more abhorrent in its promotion of the beauty myth. I can only hope that this ludicrous ad campaign will generate enough backlash that the schlock monger cosmetics executives will withdraw their deplorable magic cream. Unfortunately, I doubt that this will happen.

Michael Milligan  
UI Engineering

## No backlash here

To the Daily:

The comment made by Joya Balfour about the recent barrage of Christian Dior svelt cream ads (not perfume) is simply a myriad of angry accusations.

To link a photograph of a model for svelte cream with the encouragement of violence against women is preposterous!

The comment is an opinionated critic which jumps from advertisement firms in the media in general, Women's Week, to a hobbesian view of the general public as violent hypocrites with nothing better to do than exploit women through misrepresentation and misunderstanding of what ads like this really mean. But let's be clear on that point. The small print in this ad does NOT say: spank me, I love to be exploited and violated... tell your girlfriend and wife to look like me and ladies, if you don't

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# Approaching the deadline

## ANC representative discusses violence and the future of South Africa

BY DAVID AUSTIN

**S**ince the release of Nelson Mandela in February 1990, high expectations for a future African National Congress (ANC) government, which is predicted to win the upcoming elections in a landslide, have grown. Many thought the release of Nelson Mandela would mean the end of Apartheid, a dramatic change for the majority of South Africans.

But now, some four years after the initial euphoria, and in anticipation of the upcoming elections, the ANC and South Africans are facing perhaps the most critical period in the country's history. Violence plagues South Africa and has become more acute since the release of Mandela. The far right, which consists of the Afrikaaner Volksfront, a right-wing, paramilitary, neo-nazi, umbrella group, comprised of disgruntled Afrikaaners [Dutch descendents who first colonized South Africa] and the Inkhata Freedom Party, led by Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, are bent on sabotaging the upcoming elections and forming their own independent states.

Both groups are using every means at their disposal to achieve their aims. But to call these groups the "far right", while excluding the present South African government, the same government which has been responsible for the repression, murder, 'disappearance', and imprisonment of thousands of South Africans is to close one's eyes in the dark.

Recent reports have proven that the South African government was directly involved in the training and arming of the Inkhata Freedom Party which has been responsible for most of the violent attacks which have killed hundreds of ANC and non-Inkhata supporters. Many find it difficult to believe this same government has changed its colours.

The following is the first of a two part interview with Victor Moche, the Canadian Representative of the ANC in which he discusses the violence in South Africa, the possibility of independent homelands for right-wing groups in the country, and media coverage of South Africa.

**Daily: Elections are scheduled between April 26th and 28th and the ANC is expected to win with a majority of votes. However, in recent months we have seen an escalation in violence, and some people are claiming that the elections could be cancelled or pushed.**

Moche: I think the escalation of violence and the proposals to postpone or push back the elections, because they may not be free, serves the purpose of defeating the process that is just underway. They increase violence and then claim that it may be necessary to postpone the elections. The elections will be held because the consequences for not holding the election will be far more serious than anyone can imagine.

**Who is behind the violence?**

It is at various levels and from various sources. There is violence in the communities that disagree politically. For instance, on the East Rand, east of Johannesburg, violence is in communities. In Northern Natal, people supporting Inkhata or the ANC are in the same area. There is violence from the right-wing which is constantly plaguing the urban areas in particular.

There's violence from the police. So the sources are manifold. Each brand of violence is intended for the same purpose — to defeat the democratization process in South Africa.

**Very recently, Inkhata and the Afrikaaner Volksfront formed a coalition to contest the elections and both the AWP and Inkhata have called for separate states. Is this at all feasible or viable in South Africa?**

There is hardly any possibility that the ANC can accept the balkanization of South Africa — a break-up based on race, based on

ethnicity. Within that frame of retaining a unified South Africa, there are possibilities to grant more power to the proposed provinces in such a manner that there is greater devolution than is presently the case in the current constitution.

**But outright autonomous states are considered out of the question?**

We don't see it as feasible, we don't see it as desirable, we don't see it as viable.

**What would the consequences of independent states in South Africa be, such as a separate Zulu State?**

Well it won't happen for the simple reason that the Zulu people themselves will not accept it. They regard South Africa as their homeland in its totality. The majority of the Zulu population do not support the position of separation proposed either by the king or Inkhata and Chief Buthelezi.

**The press has described the violence in South Africa as tribal warfare implying that the majority of the ANC's support comes from the Xhosa who are supposedly pitted against the predominantly Zulu Inkhata. How accurate or inaccurate is that?**

The violence itself is much older than the so-called rivalry between the ANC and Inkhata in that, the first instances of political violence, as we know it today, began to occur in 1984 some eight years before the ANC returned to South Africa. And that violence was violence between what are called Inkhata residents, those that were under the command of the Kwazulu administration.

Students from the University of Zululand were opposed to the fact that they were having to live in a Bantustan [something like a

reserve in Canada] and...[the] apartheid on their campus and in the country. As a result of their opposition to Bantu education, to apartheid, to Bantustans, the Kwazulu government under Gatsha Buthelezi sent people in there to attack them [students]. That is when the first casualties occurred.

We've seen that violence escalate since then, through the years, consistently, especially in Northern Natal. Only two years after the unbanning of the ANC did we see that violence exported to the rest of the country. So it's hardly possible to claim this is exclusively violence generated by a rivalry between the ANC and Inkhata or tribal violence because, as you know, once the violence spread beyond the Natal area it was called by the international press for some reason 'Zulu-Xhosa rivalries.'

The Zulu and Xhosa people back in South Africa were asking, since when were they traditional rivals? When that failed to wash, the switch was then to say that it is an ANC-Inkhata power struggle. We will see the shift occur again from calling it an ANC-Inkhata struggle to something else.

**To help put what you have said into perspective, about what percentage of the Kwazulu actually support Inkhata and Chief Buthelezi?**

The most recent polls indicate about a

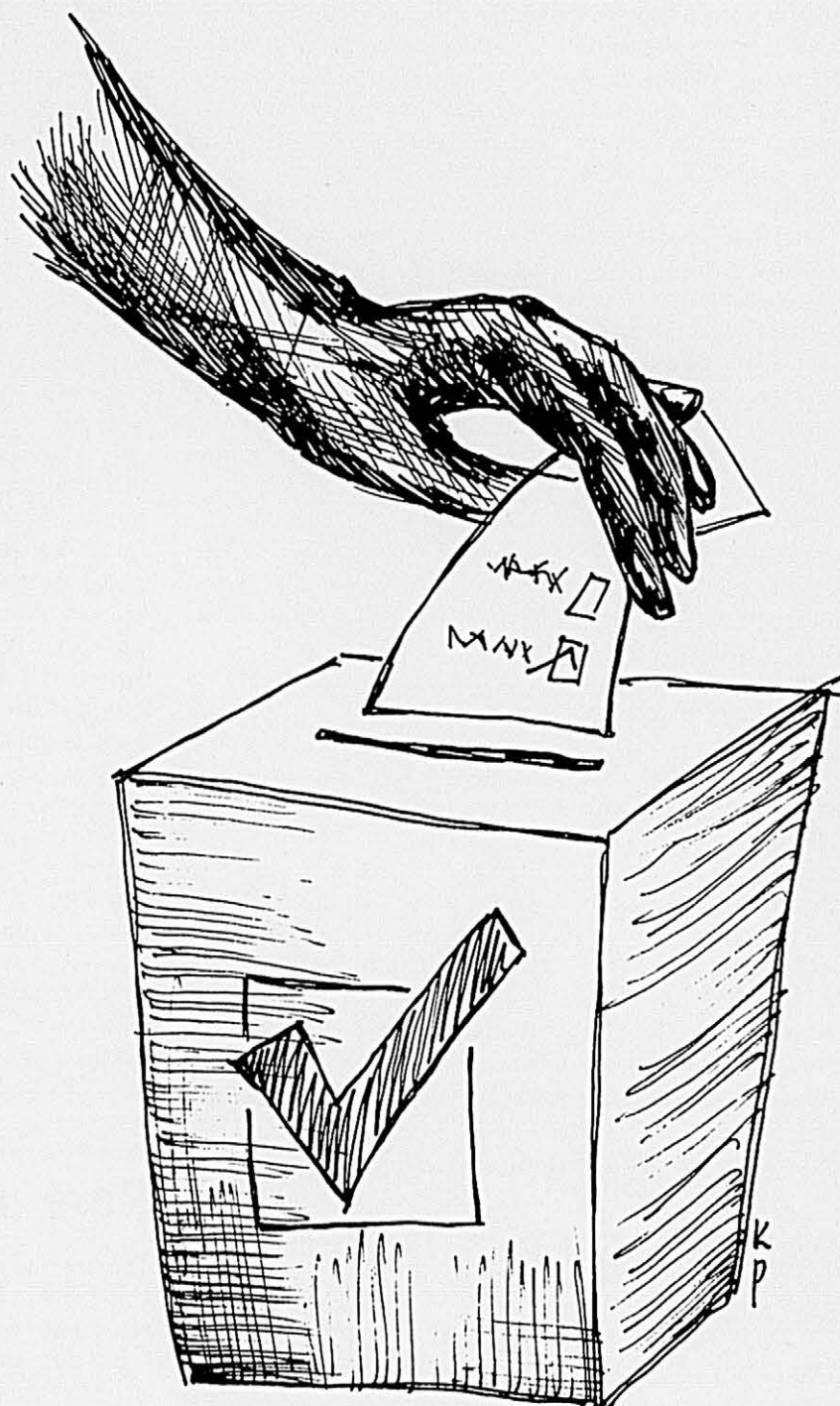
twenty-five per cent level in the Kwazulu area and about four per cent support at a national level.

**Very recently a lot of attention has been paid to Inkhata and the Afrikaaner Volksfront at the expense of dealing with the South African government. In your opinion, what is the most serious threat to free and fair elections in South Africa?**

The most serious threat does emanate from the right-wing because they are completely and totally opposed to the very process that will lead to free and fair elections. They see this as utmost treason, perpetrated by De Klerk at the instigation of the ANC — that the government is handing over the country to the ANC.

They [Volksfront] enjoy a fair measure of support within the state security and [from] the rural Afrikaaners, who are farmers that possess weapons given [to them] by the army. They [Volksfront] have been allowed, by the government, to organise extensively armed formations and paramilitary groups. The tension that the country is going through [is] getting more acute, [so] it is quite possible that they [Voksfront] could plunge the country into a civil war.

The danger does emanate from the far right in the country more than from any other group.





# Women on sidelines in sports pages

BY KAREN FOSTER

MONTREAL (CUP) — Open the sports sections of any Canadian newspaper and you'll see an average of less than 10 per cent of articles dealing with women's sports.

The Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport (CAAWS), published its third annual survey of women's sports coverage last month. The results show that the *Winnipeg Free Press* is the leader with 17 per cent of sports copy devoted to women's coverage.

At the bottom of the list of Canada's 20 largest daily sports sections is the *Edmonton Journal*, with only 3 per cent of its sports articles dealing with women.

Sheila Robertson, CAAWS Communications Consultant, called the present state of women's sports coverage unacceptable.

She says sports editors tell her that if women are making news they'll print it. "It's our job to make newspapers realize what women are doing in sports is news," Robertson said.

This is not an easy task considering that there are very few women's professional leagues, and in most cases professional men's league coverage dominates newspaper sports pages.

Stephanie Myles, a former sports writer for the *Ottawa Citizen*, feels it is a question of dollars and cents when it comes to women's sports

coverage in the newspaper business.

According to Myles, coverage of amateur sports, which tends to feature more women, is given less priority than professional sports. She says that ultimately professional sports is what sells papers.

"What are you going to put in? Women's high school volleyball or the [Montreal] *Canadiens*? Of course they're going to put in the *Canadiens*," says Myles.

Julian Rachey, sports editor for the *Winnipeg Free Press*, disagrees. He says the *Winnipeg Free Press* has tried to widen the appeal of its sports section by covering more amateur sports.

"My criteria for covering events will continue to be whether a story is worth writing and reading," says Rachey.

**"W**innipeg has an impressive list of women athletes, who more than meet that criteria," he adds.

Although Robertson believes that there is a trend towards more equitable coverage, part of CAAWS' job is "to continue to put a high value on what women do and encourage reporters to do the same."

In addition to the inequalities in press coverage, the number of women entering professional and amateur sports remains low.

In 1987, a review of the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) by Sport Canada, revealed

that 86 per cent of athletes in national college championships and 83 per cent of Canadian college coaches were men.

In 1993, the CCAA started looking for reasons for such low involvement.

Part of their study questioned a sample group of female participants and non-participants (aged 13-19) in school-based sports (volleyball, basketball, badminton, and soccer). Fifty-nine per cent of participants said they played sports for fun and almost half (46 per cent) participated to keep fit.

However, 33 per cent of the non-players said they weren't interested in sports because they don't like to compete.

"A lot of women have been socialized into thinking 'competing' is not something women should be doing," says Myles.

But the committee's study has outlined other issues which are at the heart of the under-representation of women in sports. Strong, informal male networks, male elites who maintain the status quo, and the overall male sports world with its language, symbols, myths and values keeps women away.

Bonnie Steen of CAAWS points out, "It would be a pleasant world if we were beyond gender. But we are not. Not in the world of politics, not in the world of education, not in the world of journalism. And definitely not in the world of sports."

## How much does your local paper cover women's sports?

NEWSPAPER	%age of women's sports coverage
Winnipeg Free Press	17
Saskatoon Star-Phoenix	13
London Free Press	12
Windsor Star	12
Globe and Mail	11
Vancouver Sun	11
Le Soleil	11
St. John's Telegraph-Journal	11
Ottawa Citizen	10
Victoria Times-Colonist	9
Hamilton Spectator	9
Saint John Evening Telegram	8
Regina Leader-Post	8
Journal de Montréal	7
Halifax Chronicle-Herald	7
Calgary Herald	6
La Presse	6
Montreal Gazette	6
Le Droit	5
Toronto Star	3
Edmonton Journal	3

Samples taken during two-week period from Nov. 22 to Dec. 6, 1993.

## Toronto gives women's teams equal funding

BY JIM BRIDGES

TORONTO (CUP) — The University of Toronto's Department of Athletics and Recreation took an important step toward gender equity by deciding to provide equal funding for men's and women's teams. U of T is so far the only university in the country which will be funding men's and women's athletic teams equally.

Marg McGregor, executive director of the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in Sport, said U of T's endorsement of equal funding is an important first at a Canadian university that will help set a tone for other universities.

"It is a tremendously progressive step," she said. "It really sends a clear message, by translating best intentions into concrete actions."

Women's programs at U of T now receive \$142,377, more than \$65,000 less per year than men's programs. Once fully implemented, both the men's and women's programs will receive equal funding "envelopes," from which each can divide among its teams. This way, said Bruce Kidd, director of the school of physical and health education, both men and women can decide how to structure their own programs.

"If women decide they want to support 10 programs and the men decide they want to support five programs, that would be equitable and fair," he said.

Department of Athletics director Ian McGregor said the department must implement equal funding by increasing the level for women's teams, rather than decreasing funding for men's.

"I think we should look at enhancing programs," Ian McGregor said. "Both [the department of athletics] council and University Affairs board sent a clear message last year not to cut programs."

Kidd added it is imperative that the department's budget reflects the ideals of gender equity to prove the department is serious about the issue.

"If we do not come up with a budget with very clear equity, visible through funding, we will be up against very hard criticism," he said.

Ian McGregor said the department will not be able to fully implement equal funding within the next year, but will develop a plan for the next three or four years.

## ...UNIVERSITY BRIEFS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)

### Rare meadow threatened by construction dirt

The rare Garry Oak meadow at the University of Victoria is at risk of being destroyed due to the dumping of dirt. As a remnant of construction near the site, the dirt smothered the meadow, and commercial grass and foreign weeds were introduced.

The Ministry of the Environment recognizes Garry Oak as "at-risk" because such meadows are only found on remote parts of Vancouver Island and southwestern B.C., and many have been dug up for malls and condos to replace them.

Brenda Costanzo, a biology teaching assistant, believed the

meadow was seriously disturbed as plants were suffocated and soil compacted. She said people need to be aware that meadows are important local ecosystems, and not just "empty space".

Bruce Cheadle, manager of campus engineering, cited its close proximity to the construction site as the main reason for dumping dirt on Garry Oak. "It wasn't our intention to destroy the wildflowers, but we needed somewhere to dump it [excess dirt during construction]."

Last month, University of Victoria's Native Vegetation committee had a "Garry Oak Day" to plant

new trees and educate the community of the uniqueness of the ecosystem. Dr. Briony Penn, an environmental studies professor and founding director of the Garry Oak Preservation Society, spoke at the event. Penn believes the university should be acting as a role model of sensitive environmental planning in the community.

At present, University of Victoria has no long-term land use plan which incorporates a strategy for protecting natural areas and endangered species on campus.

—Joya Balfour with files from CUP

## ERRATUM

Bob Collins, vp finance of the Post Graduate Student Society, was misquoted in Monday's *Daily* ("PGSS calls for more participation", page six). In fact he didn't complain that PGSS members weren't showing up to council meetings — his remarks were directed at candidates for PGSS elections who didn't show up to public candidates' debates. Sorry for any inconveniences.





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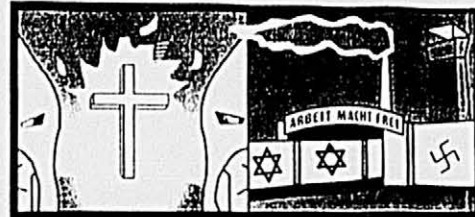
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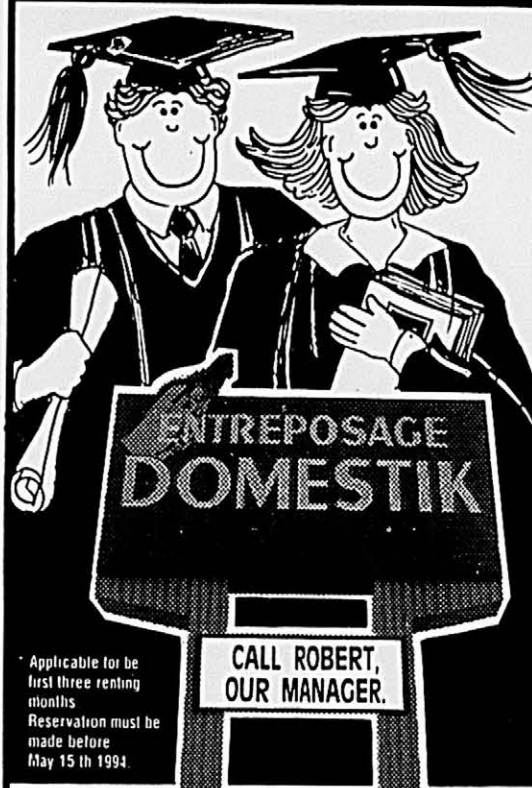
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